

SCANNING THE WEEK'S NEWS of Main Street and the World

Allies in Accord on United Army; Drug May Wipe Out Tuberculosis

EUROPEAN ARMY—The members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization have reached agreement on four important points for the defense of Western Europe and the strengthening of the united army which may mean the salvation of the democratic form of government.

Second, and possibly the most controversial, to approve the general outlines of a plan partially drafted by France, West Germany, Italy, and the Benelux nations to merge their armies into a European defense force.

Third, the N.A.T.O. nations agreed to create a board to make a detailed study of the western world's needs for airfields, barracks, communications lines, and other army-supporting facilities, and recommend how to share the cost of building them.

And fourth, to streamline the N.A.T.O. itself and make it more efficient, on a pattern roughly like that of the United Nations secretariat, instead of the present overlapping boards and committees.

The plan for a 50-division army this year means that 20 more divisions will have to be recruited and armed in the next 10 months. One authority interpreted the plan in these words: "Right now the Reds could walk to France's westernmost Atlantic shore, but by the end of this year they would have to fight their way. By the end of 1954 we would be able to throw them back."



This picture of the big three foreign ministers and West Germany's Konrad Adenauer was made at conclusion of talks at which agreement was reached on outstanding issues for a united European army.

TAXES—The Public Affairs Institute, which describes itself as a nonpolitical organization, has issued a study of U.S. tax laws which points out six loopholes that are costing the Federal government \$4,500,000,000 a year and benefits almost entirely those with annual incomes of more than \$10,000.

They are outlined as: (1) Percentage depletion—\$750,000,000; (2) Income splitting—\$2,500,000,000; (3) Failure to include a provision for withholding of taxes on dividend and corporate-bond interest payments—\$300,000,000; (4) Failure to increase estate and gift tax rate sharply and tighten up on this levy—\$400,000,000; (5) Failure to increase the capital gains tax rate sharply and tighten up on this levy—\$400,000,000; (6) Approval of a broadened family partnership provision in the 1951 law—\$100,000,000.

More will be heard about this study in the next few weeks as congress gets into full debate over the proposed new tax bill.

RUSSIAN A-BOMBS—On the 34th anniversary of the Soviet army, Russian military leaders and newspapers warned the western world that Russia possessed "atom bombs of all calibers" and said that any aggressor would be met with "crushing, deadly blows."

Most observers agreed that the speeches and articles were the usual line of Soviet propaganda that is necessary on an important occasion. But it was noted that the claim clearly implied that Russia has in her arsenal tactical atomic weapons to match those recently developed and tested in the United States.

COST OF LIVING—The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports the cost of living stood still in its latest 30 day survey as measured by the government's new consumers' price index.

Food prices rose about a tenth of a per cent, but clothing and house furnishings were down a little.

The new index stood at 189.1 per cent of the 1935-39 average in mid-January. This was 4.2 per cent above a year earlier and 11.1 per cent below a year ago.

ATOMIC SPY TEAM—Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted last spring of stealing atomic secrets for Russia and sentenced to die for treason, heard their sentences upheld by a Federal Appeals Court. Three appeal judges said in their decision: "It cannot be held that these sentences are unconstitutional."

The Rosenbergs are the first Americans ever sentenced to death for treason outside a military court. At the time of their conviction, Judge Irving R. Kaufman called Rosenberg worse than a murderer. In his opinion, Judge Kaufman said, the Rosenbergs' treason led to the war in Korea, with its tens of thousands of American casualties.

TUBERCULOSIS—Dreaded tuberculosis, once the great scourge of mankind, may within a few years be completely wiped out. This hope is centered on a new wonder drug which was used in recent months in treatment of nearly 200 persons in the advanced stages of the disease at Sea View hospital in Staten Island.



Slightly smaller than aspirin (see picture), it is expected to be on the market by summer under various trade names. The pills will cost a TB patient a fantastically low 25 to 50 cents a day.

In the tests at Sea View hospital doctors were amazed at results obtained by the drug. Within a few weeks, high temperatures went down to normal, lung cavities began to heal, patients recovered energy and appetite. Science, at last, may have found the answer in the battle against tuberculosis.

MEAT PRODUCTION

Nation's Packers Store Meat Surplus

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports the nation's meat production continues to grow faster than the consumer can take it off the markets. Production in late February was estimated at 22 per cent higher than at the same time a year ago.

Heavy marketing of lambs, sheep and hogs is reported in many marketing centers. During one week in late February 1,464,000 hogs were slaughtered by packers, compared with only 1,044,000 during the same week a year before.



Cynical Americans

TRAVELING across the U.S. these days you are struck with a new cynicism on the part of the American public. It's a rebellious cynicism, inclined to lay all our troubles on the doorstep of Washington, a feeling of frustration, of disgust with corruption, and weariness with the Korean war.

This is exactly the atmosphere that swept a lot of Democratic screwballs into office with the anti-Hoover tide of Roosevelt victory in 1932, and it may sweep a lot of Republican screwballs into office this fall.

One dangerous part of the current feeling has been a certain disillusionment with our electoral system. Folks are resentful of the bosses in both parties and they figure that though President Truman probably didn't mean to blurt out what he did about "eyewash" primaries, nevertheless he was telling the truth.

On the other hand there is growing interest in the proposal of Sen. Paul Douglas of Illinois and Rep. Charles Bennett of Florida to hold a nation-wide presidential primary, which, though not binding on the delegates, might put a crimp in the party bosses and prevent the traditional picking of presidents in the 3 A.M. quiet of a smoke-filled room.

The smartest thing Mr. Truman could do, in view of his eyewash remark and this public cynicism is to exert some altruistic leadership and help put across the Douglas-Bennett nation-wide primary.

Bossed Delegates

In five states it's a fact that the people have no say whatever in the selection of delegates attending the presidential conventions. In Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia and Louisiana, the delegates are chosen by party leaders and are simply told how they are to vote.

In 27 other states democracy fares little better. These states for the most part follow the plan of state conventions, where the party bosses can railroad the selection of delegates. The bigger states which follow this hand-me-down convention system are: Michigan, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Texas and Virginia.

Best Primary

The state generally conceded to have the best primary system is Oregon, where presidential aspirants are unable to keep their name off the ballot if they feel they won't make a good showing. Eisenhower's name, for instance, has been kept out of the Wisconsin primary on the belief that he wouldn't make a good showing there but in Oregon, any candidate's name can be entered without his permission, which makes for a genuine popular test.

Nebraska voters had the same "free filing" privilege until 1951 when a reactionary legislature abolished it.

New Hampshire, in connection with which, President Truman used his eyewash term, happens to have one of the nation's fairer primaries.

Flynn's Bailiwick

In New York, which controls the largest bloc of delegates and therefore is most influential in nominating our presidential candidates, the delegates do not have to reveal which candidate they favor. Thus, when New Yorkers vote in a primary, they are forced to vote for pledged party stooges. They do not know whether those delegates will favor Truman, Kefauver or Stevenson; all they know is that the delegates will vote the way Boss Flynn of the Bronx and State Chairman Paul Fitzpatrick tell them to.

Ohio's Tricks

Ohio has still another gimmick which plays into the hands of the bosses. In Ohio, delegates must remain pledged to a certain delegate only as long as their "best judgment and ability" so dictate.

Though it's never happened, this conceivably could mean that delegates could decide the day before balloting started that their man didn't have a chance, and switch to someone the bosses liked better.

Illinois has a similar loophole for countermarching the people's choice.

Hoover vs. Ike

Herbert Hoover, long-time isolationist, is secretly trying to line up delegates against Eisenhower in New York and New Hampshire. By an ironic twist of fate, Hoover underwent exactly the same criticism as Taft now makes against Eisenhower. When Hoover ran for President, he had never registered as a Republican. The growing unpopularity of President Truman in the southwest is similar to that of Hoover in pre-Roosevelt days.



HURRY GIRLS, BARGAINS! . . . In Brooklyn, New York, the bargain basement fullbacks (women to you) had a field day recently as Loeser's department store held a going-out-of-business sale. Here's a view of the mobs that jammed the store and the street outside the store. The police and fire department had to be called in to prevent the ladies from injuring each other in their eagerness to get to the counters where the bargains were on sale.



BACK TO JOB, COMPLETELY CLEARED . . . In New York City, career diplomat John Carter Vincent (right), who has been accused of being pro-Communist time and again by Senator Joseph McCarthy, Republican of Wisconsin, and active ex-Communist, Louis Budenz, former editor of the Communist newspaper, The Daily Worker, sails aboard the liner, S.S. Constitution. Mr. Vincent is returning to his post in Tangier, Morocco. The state department has announced that Vincent has been completely cleared of all charges made against him by political opponents of the department. He will probably face other loyalty courts, despite lack of evidence against him.



FAITH REVIVED . . . The faith, which he lost when he was voted out of his home in south San Francisco, was revived somewhat by a flood of offers of homes in other cities to the family of Sing Sheng, Chinese-American. Their neighbors in San Francisco objected to Chinese living in the neighborhood, because, they complained it would lower property values. Trusting in democracy and Americanism, Sing Sheng put his residence there to a vote and lost—on the eve of Brotherhood Week.



BEAUTIFUL BOOKMAKER . . . Bookies usually don't come as pretty as Peggy Walker (right) of 113-08 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York City. But the law says pretty Peggy made book on the races and took bets. And here you see her talking the charge over with her attorney, Marie A. Beary, who also is not so difficult to look upon. The two women are awaiting the turn of events and justice outside the felony courtroom in Ridgewood. That's not a racing form in their hands.



GAS-GERM PROOF . . . This is the army's new airtight, watercooled suit, designed to protect a soldier against both poison gas and biological (germ) warfare. The suit is superior to former suits in that it is more resistant to new gases.

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Utensil Hint Place a drainboard mat, the ridged rubber kind, in the bottom of each storage drawer of your range. Keeps utensils from shifting position and rattling when drawers are opened and closed. You can take mats out and wash them, too.

Decorating Cakes When decorating cakes, use a child's sectioned feeding dish to separate the various colored icings.

Candied Fruit Steam candied fruit that has become dry, in a double boiler for 10 to 15 minutes before adding to fruit cake. Restores moisture to fruit.

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